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Peter Western Bridge on 116th St is Closed until Further Notice

Burien, WA, February 15, 2017--The City of Burien closed the Peter Western Bridge to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Thursday, February 9, 2017. **It is not safe to walk or drive on the bridge or go into the ravine.**

Because of last week's deep snow followed by heavy rain, the ravine underneath the bridge experienced severe erosion, which has undermined the bridge's support columns. The Public Works department is working with outside technical experts to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of the area, and making emergency repairs to prevent further damage to the bridge. Local residents will see construction equipment on their street over the next few months.

The City of Burien is estimating the bridge will be closed for at least six months. The City will post updates on the City of Burien website (www.burienwa.gov).

About the City of Burien

The City of Burien is a vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment. For more information, visit www.burienwa.gov.

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